

equipment and rescue devices. They serve as rescue swimmers and provide aircrew survival training to all aviators.

Avionics Technician

AVTs inspect, service, maintain, troubleshoot and repair aircraft power, communications, navigation, auto flight and sensor systems.



Aviation Maintenance Technician

AMTs inspect, service, maintain, troubleshoot and repair aircraft powerplant, powertrain and structural systems.



Reserve group

(These ratings are open only to members of the reserve)

Port Security Specialist

PSs safeguard critical or vital ports of commerce both overseas and the United States against the threat of terrorism and other acts of maritime crime, often in support of the Department of Defense operations.



Investigator

IVs provide support to Coast Guard law enforcement and intelligence missions. Many IVs are civilian law enforcement officers who augment the Coast Guard's special agent corps in performing criminal investigations, background investigations and protective service operations.



Stripes & shields

Each enlisted service stripe indicates a full four years of active or reserve service — or any combination thereof — in any of the armed forces. Service stripes and rating badges are worn on the left sleeve; only a plain gold shield is worn on the right sleeve.



Officer insignia



Chief Warrant Officer 2

Chief Warrant Officer 3

Chief Warrant Officer 4



Ensign

Lieutenant Junior Grade



Lieutenant



Lieutenant Commander



Commander



Captain

Rear Admiral (Lower Half)



Rear Admiral (Upper Half)



Vice Admiral



Admiral (Commandant)

Warrant officers and commissioned officers wear shoulder boards on certain uniforms. The shoulder board stripes are similar to those on the sleeve insignia. Warrant and commissioned officers both wear collar devices, but warrants also wear a device indicating their specialty.